

Remarks

Claims 46-53 and 56-62 were pending in this application and claims 1-45, 54, 55 and 63-66 were withdrawn and cancelled due to a previous restriction requirement. With this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 46-53 and 56-62, without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter thereof and reserves the right to file continuation or divisional applications on any non-elected claims. With this amendment, Applicant adds new claims 67-100. Thus, with this Amendment, claims 67-100 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

As Examiner found in the Restriction Requirement mailed February 3, 2005, claims 46-53 and 56-62 were “drawn to silent guards verifying the integrity of a variable.” New claims 67-100 are also drawn to silent guards verifying the integrity of a variable. The subject matter covered in new claims 67-100 is covered in several places throughout the specification, including page 28, line 4 – page 34, line 10 and page 84, line 22 – page 88, line 6. Claim 67-87 are directed to a “computer implemented method” and claims 88-100 are directed to a “recordable computer media.”

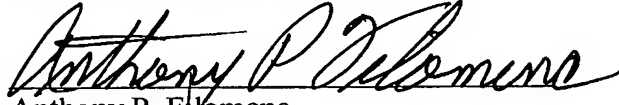
Claims 46 and 49-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. Claims 46-53 and 56-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Johnson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,748,741. Claims 46-53 and 56-62 are canceled with this amendment.

New claims 67-100 are believed to be patentable over the prior art, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions related to these amendments or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview at 919-861-5092 to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned. If necessary, please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time to affect a timely response. Please charge any additional fees or credits to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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